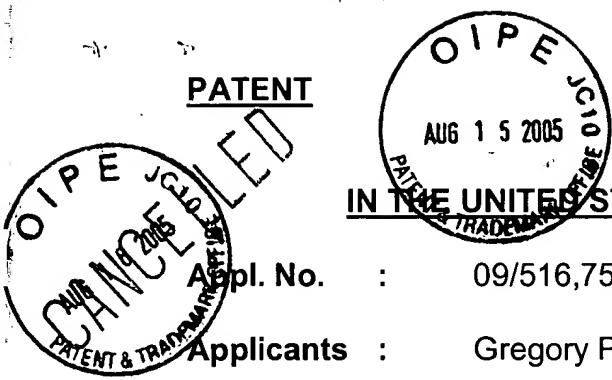


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office action mailed March 15, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.